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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ivan TOMKA et al.

Group Art Unit 1772

Serial No. 09/606,219

Examiner: P. Nordmeyer

Filing Date: June 29, 2000

For: **A METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A SHAPE BODY CONTAINING A
STARCH, A HOMOGENISED MASS CONTAINING STARCH AND A
DEVICE3 FOR MANUFACTURING A SOFT CAPSULE**

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and
Trademark Office is the following:

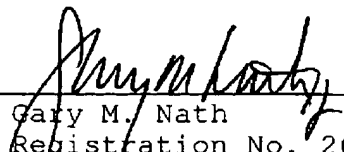
- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Courtesy copy of amendment filed March 27, 2003.

Pursuant to the telephone discussion with D. Boyd, please
find attached a courtesy copy of the amendment filed on March 27,
2003, as well as a copy of the stamped filing indicating filing
of same. If the Office needs any additional information, please
do not hesitate to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003. The three-month shortened statutory period is set to expire on April 15, 2003. Accordingly, this response should be considered timely filed.

In addition to this response and amendment, Applicants are filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an Information Disclosure Statement. The filing of the RCE is to provide entry of this response and amendment, as well as entry of the Information Disclosure Statement.

In response to the Office Action, please amend the above patent application as follow: